

MC1(SW/AW) Vladimir Ramos

**Media Division, LPO
PCU America (LHA 6)**

MC1 Ramos hails from Valley Village, Calif. He joined the Navy in 1997. Upon graduation from boot camp he went on to Seaman Apprenticeship Training in Great Lakes, Ill. He was then assigned to Assault Craft Unit One (ACU-1), located in Coronado, Calif. where he was designated as a Landing Craft Mechanized (LCM-8) Coxswain and command graphics designer earning a direct conversion into the Illustrator Draftman (DM) community and advanced to DM3.

After his tour there he transferred to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMPACFLT) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii where he led the Asia-Pacific area graphics shop. He graduated from basic and advanced 3D animation program at University of Hawaii. In 2004 he completed 4000 hours certification as graphics designer and multimedia manager under the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP).

In 2007 he served on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) in Norfolk, Va. While attached to TR, he was hand-selected to layout and design the ship's cruise book while overseeing the production of four work-centers and 27 Sailors as Media Division's assistant leading petty officer. He was promoted to MC1 and achieved 100% advancement rate of his Sailors while meeting retention goals for fiscal year 2008 and 2009.

In 2010, he attended Navy Recruiting Orientation Unit (NORU) in Pensacola, Fla. with follow-on orders to Navy Recruiting District (NRD) Miami and assigned to Navy Recruiting Station Plantation in Broward County where he was selected as Production Recruiter of the Year and Nuclear Station of the Year 2011, he also earned Station of the Year for 2012. Additionally, served as the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) recruiter as well as filling a gapped billet as NRD Miami's Public Affairs Officer for seven months, increasing Navy awareness by 200%, during this time, establishing the Navy's Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Program career opportunities, helping reach from Tampa, Fla. to Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands territories.

He is currently in San Diego, Calif. assigned to Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6), the ship is undergoing construction in Pascagoula, Miss. America is scheduled to be commissioned late 2014 in San Francisco. His awards include the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal



(6 awards), Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), 11th Gold Wreath for Recruiting Excellence, and numerous awards and citations.